

UNIVERSAL GREEN -- A British Soldier of the 4th Paratroops Regiment heads for the landing zone at Coyle Field July 22 during Operation Black Warrior, an annual joint training exercise at Fort Dix. For more photos, see page four.

British drop in for Black Warrior

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

Operation Black Warrior brought British Soldiers of the 4th Parachute Regiment (4th Para) to Fort Dix for two weeks of mobilization readiness training in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan.

This is the second time British Soldiers have come to Fort Dix to train in an agreement that also sees Dix Soldiers training with the British Army.

The training is an example of that carried out in many NATO countries to boost cooperation and understanding among the different militaries.

The 4th Para will be training on Post until Aug. 3.

Fort Dix has welcomed the British Soldiers with open arms, to a wide variety of events ranging from a beer-and-wings night at Club Dix to the best ranges the post has to offer.

"I didn't know what to expect coming here, but I was pleasantly surprised," said Pvt. Stuart Boxall-Hunt. "I am happy to be here," he added.

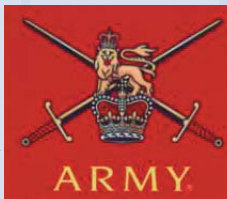
The 4th Para's schedule started with water survival training at the Fort Dix Outdoor Pool.

Master Sgt. Anthony Correia

coached the British Soldiers through the many phases of water survival training.

"A lot of them enjoyed the swimming. They were all having a good time," Correia said.

The British Soldiers learned how to use every piece of their combat equipment to keep afloat in an aquatic crisis, learned how to rescue a frantic drowning victim and save him or her once rescued, how to properly



"Such drills take on added significance as the military looks to reduce combat-related drowning deaths. Each year there are many Soldiers who lose their lives through their inability to swim. In addition, Soldiers hamper water maneuvers by their lack of confidence and expertise when faced with this type of situation," said Maj. Jonathan Moyer, assistant Officer in Charge.

"I think it is going very well because they enjoy the training. They really enjoyed the swim survival because they don't do anything like that in Britain," said 1st Sgt. Lisa Youngsang, assistant NCOIC.

The 4th Para also practice parachuting with four jumps throughout this mission, all originating at McGuire Air Force Base.

Though the first opportunity occurred on a day without a cloud in the sky, strong gusts of wind challenged the jumpers to land on target at Coyle Field southeast of Fort Dix.

Cpl. Johnathan Bates, walking off the landing zone with his arms full of parachute and rope, said he was not fond of his jump. "I didn't like it this time around. It is really windy and I am not used to the equipment," Bates said.

The Soldiers used American equipment for the airborne portion of the training.



Some Soldiers enjoyed their jumps. One screamed, "Look at that beautiful black bird" from the landing site as another plane of jumpers flew by.

The group did not have enough jump opportunities to complete training on landing techniques, which differ from those taught in the British Army.

"It will take about 30 to 35 jumps before you actually make a Parachute Landing Fall (PLF)," said Correia.

The American version of a PLF distributes the landing shock along the five points of contact: balls of feet, side of calf, side of thigh, side of hip, and side of back. During a PLF, the jumper's chin is tucked, and the parachute risers are grasped in an arm-bar protecting the face and throat,

with the elbows tucked into the sides to prevent injury.

"The more adverse conditions are ones you don't plan for and it's better for the training," said Moyer. "When you go into the real deal, you learn from your mistakes and know how to react to it. That way, when it happens, it's not the first time."

The Soldiers continued their training July 23 on the Urban Assault Course, spending a day in the heat learning techniques of operations in urban terrain.

The training sessions will continue next week with more Urban Assault Course work, air assault missions and work with Civilians On the Battlefield and simulated grenades and artillery rounds.

The 4th Para Soldiers continue to work cohesively as a regiment, according to trainers, acquiring skills they will definitely use during their upcoming deployment.



NEWSNOTES

Fort Dix opens doors to retirees Sept. 20

The Annual Fort Dix Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 20. The 2008 RAD will be held in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on Eighth Street at Pennsylvania Avenue, Fort Dix, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and all military retirees from all services are invited to attend this information filled morning.

The RAD luncheon will be held at Club Dix, on Alabama Avenue at 6th Street.

The entrée choices are Salmon Fillet, Roast Top Round of Beef and Roast Turkey. The cost per entrée is \$25.

If you would like to attend the luncheon, send a check or money order, made payable to the Fort Dix Retiree Council, to SGM(Ret) Norman Pallotto, 15 East Central Ave, Moorestown, NJ 08057. Payment must be received by Aug. 30.

Civil Affairs, PSYOPS instructors wanted

Do you have recent Civil Affairs or Psychological Operations experience in the theater of operations?

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The 5th Battalion (CA/PO), 3rd Brigade (CA/PO), 100 Division, 80th TNG Command has E-5 through E-7 instructor slots for qualified Soldiers.

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So, if you believe you have what it takes to be a member of the TASS instruction team, contact Major Michael G. Floru, S-3 5th Battalion, at michael.g.floru@us.army.mil.

Williams takes 72nd FA flag in ceremony at Fort Meade

First Army Division East Public Affairs -- Col. Timothy R. Williams took command of the 72nd Field Artillery Training Support Brigade, First Army Division East during a change of command ceremony held at Fort Meade, Md., July 21.

Williams took command from Col. Michael T. Miklos, who will now serve as the Chief of Fires and Effects Cell at U.S. Army Central Coalition Forces Land Component Command, Fort McPherson, Ga.

"While the leadership of the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade changed today, there is no change in the quality and professional execution of the mission our nation has given this exceptional outfit," said First Army Division East Commander Brig. Gen. J. Michael Bednarek, the reviewing official for the ceremony.

The traditional ceremony recognized the contributions of family members to any successful command, by all members of the official party,

and included the traditional delivery of bouquets of flowers to wives and mothers.

During Miklos' tenure in command, the brigade has more than doubled in size.

With slightly more than 350 assigned Soldiers in June 2006, the former 5th Brigade, 78th Division now has more than 850 Soldiers. The brigade is a multi-component unit that is comprised of active component, active guard and Reserve or

AGR, mobilized Reservists and recent Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom veterans, all dedicated to the mobilization training mission.

While the brigade is currently headquartered officially on Fort Meade, it has been operating almost exclusively from Fort Dix. To fully support its training mission, the brigade will soon be moved from Fort Meade to Fort Dix.

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Bring your questions to Town Hall Meeting

The next Fort Dix Town Hall Meeting will be Aug. 8 at 3 p.m. in Timmermann Center.

Town Hall Meetings are held quarterly for Soldiers, civilian employees and residents of the post to ensure that critical information reaches all segments of the community -- something especially important given the many changes on the horizon with new organizations, Joint Basing and other transitions.

Subject matter experts on a wide variety of topics that impact Fort Dix and the many people who live and work on the installation will be on hand to provide answers to questions from the crowd.

Topics to date include a Joint Base Update, a briefing by Wrightstown Mayor Tom Harper and the presentation of a variety awards.

The Timmermann Center Auditorium is the place of duty for all employees within mission requirements.

Anyone with suggested topics or questions should e-mail them to Andre Nixon at andre.nixon@us.army.mil.



Ed Mingos

Frazier ringside for boxing smoker

Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, Fort Dix installation commander, and Smokin' Joe Frazier, former boxing heavyweight champion, present a plaque to Ronald Simms, coach of the U.S. Marine Boxing Team. Five members of the Marine Boxing team were at Fort Dix July 18, to fight members of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club. The Ali club went on to grab the team trophy. More photos, page 12.

history



Truman's order began long process of desegregation

"Ultimately, (the armed forces) had the effect of dragging those (segregated) communities into the modern era."

Douglas J. Gilbert
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 17, 1998 - When President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948, he began a process that ultimately would create a racially integrated armed force.

Truman was motivated by the convergence of a number of events, according to Joint Chiefs of Staff historian Mickey Schubert.

"America had just fought a war against militarism and racism overseas, making it hard to sustain a segregationist policy back home," Schubert said. Growing instability on the Korean Peninsula and the emerging Cold War with the Soviet Union also convinced the president and his advisers of the need for a large standing army.

In South Carolina, a sheriff went unpunished after he intentionally blinded Isaac Woodward, a black former Army sergeant. "This really touched President Truman," Schubert said.

Moved by tragedy and practicality, backed by political and military advisers, Truman issued his historic document, ordering equal treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces and establishing a committee to oversee military desegregation.

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the president that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces without regard to race, color, religion or national origin," the order proclaimed. The document set in motion a process



JUSTICE FOR ALL -- President Harry S. Truman, seated center, and members of the Fahy Committee relax after Truman had signed Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1948, which ended segregation in the United States armed forces. "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the president that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion, or national origin," stated the order.

that over the next two decades would create the kind of military Schubert found when he was commissioned in the Army in 1965.

"I was a lieutenant. I worked for majors and lieutenant colonels who were black. There were specialists who were black and worked for me," said Schubert, who is white.

"By 1965, the period (of integration) was completed."

Integration restored the armed forces to its pre-Civil War condition, Schubert said. "There were black people serving in the American Revolution, the War of 1812 and at other times, and they just served alongside whites," he said. Segregated, all-black units would come decades later.

Although thousands of blacks served with valor and distinction in the Civil War, those who were smart and talented and wanted to get ahead couldn't, Schubert said.

"After the Spanish-American War expanded the Army, there were 1,400 men commissioned from enlisted ranks and civil life. Two were black," he



Truman Library

PRESIDENT OF ALL THE PEOPLE -- President Truman greets an Air Force staff sergeant who's probably returning from the Korean War. Truman was a courageous advocate of civil rights for all Americans, saying: "My forebears were Confederates... But my very stomach turned over when I learned that Negro Soldiers, just back from overseas (after World War II), were being dumped out of Army trucks in Mississippi and beaten." True to his nickname, "Give 'em hell, Harry" gave 'em hell.

said. "Good, talented black enlisted men who should have had commissions weren't getting them, and couldn't get them no matter how hard they tried."

In the 20th century, blacks would again distinguish themselves in battle. All-black units like the 93rd Infantry Division of World War I, the 92nd and 93rd divisions and 99th Fighter Squadron of World War II, and the 24th Infantry Regiment in Korea proved their mettle and patriotism under fire.

Back in rear areas and state-side garrisons, however, black service members felt the brunt of racial prejudice in the inadequate housing and shabby treatment they endured because of the color of their skin and a national "separate but equal" policy that had been the law of the land since the last century.

"When World War II ended, it was pretty plain something had to be done," Schubert said. Integrating the armed forces "was morally right and politically necessary."

Army Air Force officers like Col. Benjamin O. Davis, leader of the famed Tuskegee Army, and Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle, who had recently returned to civilian life, were proponents for separate reasons. Davis wanted his fellow blacks to receive equal treatment and opportunity. Doolittle and other senior officers foresaw the long-term need for large

standing forces for a protracted Cold War.

Not all military leaders agreed, but with the Air Force leading the way and under the mandate of Truman's executive order, the armed forces began tearing down racial barriers.

Truman's policy came on the heels of another important milestone in America's struggle toward racial equality: Jackie Robinson's introduction into major league baseball. Both events were of extreme importance to the country, Schubert said, because they laid the groundwork for the desegregation of society as a whole.

"The military didn't exist in a tennis camp, but side-by-side with racial communities throughout the country," he said. "Ultimately, (the armed forces) had the effect of dragging those communities into the modern era."

"Because of fairly early changes, the military was a very important agent for change nationally."

Could racial integration of the military have occurred faster? Schubert thinks so and gives the military a B-minus for its slow start following the desegregation order.

"Because it took so long for the processes to work," he added, "For the last generation, I think the grade is very good. Today, I'd say the military is one of the fastest of American institutions."

Patriotism spurred blacks to fight for America

"African-Americans answered the country's every call from its infancy. Yet, for the Buffalo Soldiers, the fame and fortune that were their just due never came. For their blood spent, lives lost, and battles won, they received nothing. They went back to slavery, real or economic, consigned there by hate, prejudice, bigotry, and intolerance..."
Colin Powell in "My American Journey"



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1756-1763 - Black Soldiers served during the French and Indian War, the North American colonial struggle pitting the French and Indians against the British and their colonies.

March 5, 1770 - Crispus Attucks, a runaway slave turned sailor, was killed along with four other colonists during the "Boston Massacre." He was the first African-American killed in the Revolution.

1776 - The Continental Congress enlists 7,000 free African-American volunteer Soldiers and sailors to join the Revolutionary War.

1812-1815 - African-American Soldiers and sailors fight against the British in the War of 1812 at such critical battles as Lake Erie and New Orleans.

1862 - President Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation.

1862-1865 - In the Civil War, 180,000 black Soldiers serve in volunteer regiments for the Union.

1865 - The Confederate states begin to accept black recruits.

1866 - Congress passes bill enlarging the army and establishing African-American regiments. Black men may now enlist in

BATTLEFIELD HEROICS -- When Maj. Bell of the 1st Cavalry fell with a wounded leg at the Battle of Las Guasimas, Cuba, Capt. C.G. Ayers, assisted by Pvt. Augustus Walley of the Buffalo Soldiers, pulled him to safety. The 9th and 10th U.S. Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers" wore hand-me-down uniforms and equipment and fired weapons that were not up to snuff. But nobody's fighting spirit was higher or made a greater impression in the Spanish-American War.

the Regular U.S. Army.

1866-1890 - Eighteen (18) African-Americans earn the Medal of Honor during the frontier wars against the Indians.

1877 - Henry O. Flipper becomes first black to graduate from the U.S. Military Academy.

1898 - All four of the African-American regiments take part in the Spanish-American War, serving in Cuba and the Philippines.

1914-1918 - More than 400,000 African-Americans serve in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War I.

1940 - Benjamin O. Davis Sr. becomes the first black general in the Regular Army.

1941 - The Army Air Corps forms the first black aviation unit, the 99th Pursuit Squadron.

1941-1945 - American forces in World War II include more than one million African-American men and women.

1948 - President Truman signs Executive Order 9981 ordering an end to segregation in the armed forces.

1950-1953 - Black and white Soldiers fight side by side in Korea as separate African-American fighting units are disbanded.

1965-1973 - Twenty black Soldiers receive the Medal of Honor for service during the Vietnam War.

1971 - Samuel L. Gravely becomes the first black admiral in the history of the U.S. Navy.

1975 - U.S. Air Force officer Daniel "Chappie" James becomes the first African-American to achieve the rank of four-star general.

1989 - Colin Powell becomes the first black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

1990-1991 - During the Persian Gulf conflict, 100,000 African-American men and women are sent to the Middle East.

1992 - The Buffalo Soldier Monument is dedicated at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

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Wikipedia

HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS -- Formally known as the 369th Infantry Regiment and before that as the 15th New York National Guard Regiment, they were also called "The Black Rattlers" among other nicknames. The 369th was famous for being the first African-American Regiment to fight in World War I. Note that the Soldiers are depicted wearing the American Brodie helmet, later donning the Adrian helmet when backstopping the French.

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Leadership Forum fields service issues from women's perspective

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7/21/2008 - PHILADELPHIA (APF) — Servicemembers learned more about the perspectives of women in the military during a leadership forum here July 17.

The forum was part of the Tuskegee Airmen Convention ending July 20.

Senior leadership spoke about several issues, including the heroism of Tuskegee Airmen, the history of women in the military, challenges women in the military may face, combating prejudices in the military, and the future of women in the military.

"My heroes truly are the Tuskegee (Airmen) who did so many wonderful things long ago," said Brig. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward, the 89th Airlift Wing commander at Andrews Air Force Base, Md.

Other panelists mirrored the general's opinion.

"I think the Tuskegee Airmen because they have opened the door for us (women in the military)," said Post Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis, who is stationed at Fort Dix.

The panelists also agreed

it's important to remember those who came before, the challenges they faced and the barriers they broke.

They said not only have females and African-Americans come a long way, but the military has as well.

One chief also reminded the audience that speed bumps

the crowd to ask questions. Audience members inquired about the challenges of balancing their career with motherhood, what women should focus on for personal and professional growth, and how to get the message out about women in the military and the great strides they're making.

"In World War II there were tons of people saying African-Americans couldn't fly in the military, and guess who proved them wrong? ... We have to prove (ourselves) every day. We're following in the footsteps of these wonderful Tuskegee Airmen we are honoring today."

Brig. Gen. Margaret H. Woodward
89th Airlift Wing Commander
Andrews Air Force Base

along the road at work, and in life, are normal. "People make mistakes ... if you want to be better and you want to excel, you can recover (from those mistakes)," said Chief Master Sgt. Kathleen Buckner, an individual mobilization augmentee for the Air Force Reserve Command command chief master sergeant.

At the conclusion of the forum, the floor was open for

General Woodward presented a summation of the forum discussion and compared women in the military to the heroic Tuskegee Airmen.

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Tuskegee Airmen we are honoring today."

Tuskegee Airmen, Inc., is the national organization that works to honor the accomplishments and perpetuate the history of the legendary young African-American men who enlisted during World War II to become America's first black military Airmen, ground crew and mechanics.

The Tuskegee Airmen were young men who enlisted at a time when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism.

They came from every section of the country, with large numbers coming from New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, and Washington, D.C.

The surviving documented original Tuskegee Airmen were each awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in March 2007, among the most distinguished awards bestowed by Congress.

The convention offered a chance for everyone to meet these American heroes and hear their stories firsthand.

TAI has 51 chapters worldwide. For more information, visit www.tuskegeeairmen.org or <http://www.tuskegeeairmen.org>.

Williams takes 72nd FA flag

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Training servicemembers for deployment is the foundation for everything the brigade does, and its Soldiers say they consider that mission to be a sacred trust with the nation.

While Miklos was the commander, the brigade trained approximately 180 different units. That is more than 14,000 troops mobilized, trained and deployed from Fort Dix.

"Throughout these last 25 months, with all of the challenges and obstacles (this brigade) has consistently accomplished this mission and maintained a commitment to excellence," said Miklos in his farewell comments to the Soldiers and families gathered on the parade field.

As the brigade is having a change in leadership, this does not stop or slow the training the brigade must carry out.

The summer training load for the year is well underway — complete with all of the demands and expectations of those units preparing to deploy. Williams comes to the brigade from the Special Operations Command, Central where he served as the director of operations.

As the new commander, Williams said he will work to maintain the unit according to its motto, "On time; on target."

Colonel Williams entered active duty as an Armor Scout, at Fort Knox, Ky. in June, 1979.

Following his initial assignment with the 3rd Infantry Division, he enrolled in the ROTC program at Arkansas State University and was commissioned as an Infantry second lieutenant in September 1984.

Colonel Williams served as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer in Headquarters Company, Allied Command Europe Mobile Force (Land) and as an Anti-Tank Platoon Leader in 4-8 INF, 8th Infantry Division.

His initial Special Forces assignments were as the Detachment Commander of ODA 526 and the Operations Officer for 1st Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (5th SFG(A)).

He was then stationed at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, Louisiana.

Returning to the 5th SFG(A), Williams served as the 2nd Battalion executive



First Army Division East photo

COMMAND WELCOME — New 72nd Field Artillery Brigade Commander Col. Timothy Williams (left) hands off the brigade's colors to Command Sgt. Maj. Louis Tinsley, the brigade command sergeant major, during the brigade's change of command ceremony July 21. The brigade, headquartered on Fort Meade, trains servicemembers for deployment at Fort Dix.

officer and commanded A Company, 2nd Battalion.

He then served as a joint plans officer at Allied Forces North Europe in Brunsum, The Netherlands. Following his NATO assignment,

Williams commanded the 3rd Battalion, 5th SFG(A) in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM and subsequently served as the 5th SFG(A) Deputy Commander.

He attended the Army War College prior to assuming his most recent posting as Director of Operations, Special Operations Command Central.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer

Basic and Advanced Courses, the Special Forces Qualification Course, the Australian Army Command and Staff College and the Army War College.

He holds a BA in history from Arkansas State University, a MA in Humanities with a concentration in Military History from Louisiana State University, a Masters in Defense Studies from Canberra University and a Masters in Strategic Studies from the US Army War College.

Williams' awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters,

the Purple Heart, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Navy Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, 2nd Award, the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab and Master Parachutist Wings.

Colonel Williams is a native of Harrisburg, Arkansas and is married to the former Lisa Power of Newport News, Virginia. He has four children, Tiffany, Nathaniel, Jack and Drew.

POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of July 14 through 20. The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to an incident at Lake of the Woods. Investigation revealed a wooden sign used to post information about the lake had been torn down. A check of the area revealed deep grooves in a donut configuration in the parking lot consistent with ATV tracks.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at the Shopette. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by a Sailor assigned to Fort Dix, struck a parked motorcycle while backing from a parking space. There were no reported injuries and the vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of government property at Bldg. 5385. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown entered the facility and took property. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a report of malicious mischief at Bldg. 5631. Investigation revealed that someone entered the facility and turned on water causing a portion of the building to flood. The subject also unplugged or turned off other systems. Investigation continues.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to an incident at Bldg. 5991. Investigation revealed a Soldier, NAFD, was depressed and having suicidal thoughts. The individual was transported to VMHBC for further evaluation and treatment.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had expired inspection. The subject displayed a disruptive attitude and repeatedly refused to obey instructions given by police. The subject was taken into custody and charged with Uninspected Motor Vehicle, Failure to Obey Police, and Disorderly Conduct. He was released to his chain of command.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident in Tac #3. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by an Airman NAFD, struck a tree. A passenger in the vehicle, also an Airman NAFD, was having dizziness, headaches, and vomiting. The victim was treated at the scene and transported to VMHBC for further treatment.

●Police responded to a report of criminal trespassing at the Griffith Field House. Investigation revealed a barred individual, a civilian NAFD, was present in the facility. The subject was apprehended for criminal trespassing. Further investigation revealed the subject had CDS in his possession. The subject was cited and escorted off post.

●While conducting a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Browns Mills gate, police noticed the inspection was expired. Further investigation revealed the vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, had expired registration. The subject was cited and the vehicle towed from the scene.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5603. Investigation revealed low air pressure in the system caused the alarm.

●Police responded to a report of larceny of private property at Bldg. 5746. Investigation revealed that person(s) unknown had taken property from a vehicle belonging to an FCI employee. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at TMP. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by an FCI employee struck a pole. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●Police, Fire Department, and emergency medical personnel responded to an aggravated assault at Bldg. 5951. Investigation revealed two subjects, both Sailors assigned to Fort Dix, got into a physical altercation. One subject suffered lacerations to the face and eye and was transported to Helene Fuld Trauma Center in Trenton. The other subject was arrested and transported to the police station for processing. Investigation continues.

●During a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had a warrant from Camden County. The subject was taken into custody and transferred to the Camden County Sheriff's Office.

●Police responded to a request for assistance from Pemberton Township Police. Investigation revealed Pemberton PD wanted assistance with crowd control during the removal of an unruly bar patron. The subject was arrested without incident.

●Police and emergency medical personnel responded to a traffic accident on 8th Street. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, failed to observe an oncoming vehicle while crossing Eighth Street. The oncoming vehicle was unable to stop or avoid the subject's vehicle. The subject refused medical treatment. Both vehicles were operable and released to the operators at the scene.

●Police responded to a traffic accident at Range Control. Investigation revealed a government vehicle, operated by Fort Dix civilian employee, struck a pole. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator.

●Police responded to an incident in the Doughboy Loop parking lot. Investigation revealed an unknown vehicle struck a parked and unattended vehicle belonging to a Fort Dix civilian employee.

●While conducting a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the vehicle operator, a civilian NAFD, had an expired driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●There were five expired identification cards confiscated during the period.

●Twentyfour Magistrate Court Citations issued for moving violations. DWI incidents remain at seven for the year.

British drop in for Black Warrior —



photos by Ryan Morton



BRITISH INVASION -- British Soldier, Sgt. Maj. Michael Pelvin, far left, throws a buoy during water survival training at the outdoor pool, July 21. Pvt. Brandon Trout and Pvt. Bradley Trevor, above, jump into the deep end of the pool to learn to swim full combat gear. In addition to water survival training, the Brits also did parachute training at Chatsworth's Coyle Field, top right photo. Cpl. Johnathan Bates, right, unhookes from his chute after a jump.

Legal eagles trade courtroom for battlefield



Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Several of the Army's Legal Support Operations (LSO) groups met at Fort Dix for a special event July 21.

Col. Gerald Carozza, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) of the 99th Regional Support Command (RSC), Fort Dix, decided it was time the lawyers got out of the office and onto the battlefield for warrior skills training.

But for the lawyers and support staff, the hardest part of the training was the heat category five they battled.

Col. Alexander Taylor, prosecutor for the city of Richmond, Va. in his civilian role, and commander for the task force from the 7th LSO, was assigned to Legal Command, 1st North East Regular Field exercise for this training. Taylor said this is the first time the Judge Advocate General (JAG) group had ever done this type of exercise, with as many as seven LSO groups getting together to train a total of 97 attorneys and support staff.

The 7th Regional Training Center (RTC) unit higher headquarters legal got together, Taylor said, so this is a joint exercise involving several

LSOs acting in a joint effort because of legal command seeing a need and acting on it.

"It is optimal to provide our Soldiers with both warrior skills and training in legal affairs together in a group. Warrior skills are important and it is important to receive the training from Soldiers who do it on a regular basis. My new motto is 'Train Today, Survive Tomorrow,'" Taylor said.

Taylor said that usually the lawyers go to regular qualification with m-16 rifles for a day, and then go home the next day. "But what's killing our Soldiers are IEDs and Snipers," Taylor said. "They need warrior skills to survive."

Taylor said he truly appreciated the Fort Dix 72nd RTC for putting the training together and working so hard to make it succeed.

Sgt First Class Dan Maher, RTC East, said the lawyers and support staff had proven to be a surprise in their dedication, drive and spirit as they trained to enter and clear buildings. Taylor said he was extremely pleased that the Soldiers made very few mistakes in successfully entering and clearing a building of "insurgents" when they were outmanned and outgunned.



photos by Lisa Evans

TAKEDOWN -- LSO members, above, attack insurgents shooting through a window from a three story building during warrior skills training July 21. LSO members, left, help each other through a window after ensuring insurgents had left the room. Members of several LSO groups lower left, fight their way into the building after ensuring the lower floors were cleared. PFC Lauren Rinaldi, 3rd LSO, below, provides covering fire for warriors entering the building.



Web site shows how citizens can support Army

WASHINGTON (Army News Service, July 18, 2008) -- The "Gifts to Army" Web site, launched today, is an online resource developed to streamline and process gifts to the Army that benefit Soldiers and their Families.

Citizens often ask Soldiers, their Family members, and Army Civilians how they can support their Army. They want to know how they can help men and women in uniform. This Web site will provide the public an online resource to answer the question: "How can we help?"

"Many individuals have asked how they can help the Army," said Joyce Morrow, administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army. "We appreciate how generous the public is and the concern they have for the welfare of our Soldiers and Families. We've developed this Web site to provide information on how to contribute money, goods or services to benefit Soldiers and their Families."

The launch of the site centralized the many venues and paths

for the public whose offers of support fall within the Army's overall Gift Program, which is managed by the Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army. Contribution options addressed on the site include support for the Army, Soldiers and their Families, wounded warriors, Army installations and more.

"This Web site is not intended as a solicitation, but merely as a way to provide information on the options and programs available to those who have expressed a desire to make a contribution," said Morrow.

The Army Gift Program has existed for many years under the authority of Title 10 United States Code, Section 2601.

On Jan. 28, 2008, President Bush signed into law, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Public Law 110-181, Section 593), which expanded the Army's gift acceptance authority to include acceptance of gifts on behalf of wounded Soldiers, wounded civilian employees, and their Fam-

ilies.

America's support of its military is not new. During World War II, tin drives, support for food rationing, and canteens were common. At a train depot in North Platte, Nebraska, a small group of volunteers in a city of no more than 12,000 provided food, magazines, and conversation to the hundreds of troop trains that stopped in their town. This major undertaking went on for the duration of the war and was done without government support.

The people of the United States carry on the tradition of caring for and supporting their men and women in uniform. The "Gifts to Army" Web site provides a central source of information to refer those interested in contributing to and supporting Soldiers and Army Families and offers ways for them to express that support, should they choose.

For more information, visit the "Gifts to Army" Web site at <http://giftstoarmy.army.mil>.

NEIGHBORHOOD

THE CORNER

AAFES holds young writers contest

School may be out for the summer, but the Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) has one more assignment for military dependents. The "Back-To-School Essay Contest" will give students in grades one through 12 the opportunity to submit an essay of 200 words or less on "What AAFES means to me and my family."

The essay contest, which runs from June 27 to August 31, will consist of four categories, with three winners from each category. First place winners in each category will receive a computer, second place winners will be awarded \$500 savings bonds and \$200 savings bonds will be issued to third place winners.

Complete rules, including release forms and specific instructions on submitting essays, are available at www.aafes.com under the Patriot Family Connection link.

Free NASCAR 500 tickets available

McGuire Air Force Base, 305th Services will be giving away tickets for the Pennsylvania 500 NASCAR Race on Aug. 3 to all DOD ID Card holders - Maximum of four tickets per person. Limited tickets will be available at the following locations: **July 18**, Family Bingo Night, Club/Community Center Ballroom starting at 6 p.m. **July 19** at Falcon Creek Golf Course starting at 9 a.m. **July 25** at the ITT Office, located in the BX Mall starting at 10:30 a.m. Falcon Creek Golf Course, **July 26** at 9 a.m. On **July 29**, ITT will give away any remaining tickets during normal operating hours 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information call 754-2145.

Babysitter's Training Course offered

For youth aged 12-18 years who are interested in babysitting, Child and Youth Services (CYS) is offering the 4-11 babysitter's training course. To learn more on leadership, basic child care, safety and play tips, and first aid for children, simply sign up at the Central Enrollment Registry (CER) Office at 5203 Maryland Ave.

Youth 13 and over who successfully complete the course will be eligible to sign up on the CYS resource and referral teen babysitter list available through the CER to eligible families in the community who need a babysitter. For more information call 562-4702 or 562-5231.

Retirement orientation offered at Timmermann

The third Quarter Military Pre-Retirement Orientation (PRO) is scheduled for August 26 through August 29, in the Timmermann Conference Center, located on 8th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue. The PRO will begin each day at 0800 and end at 1630. Registration is required. To register, please call Fay Marshall-Dease, Retirement Services at 562-2666.

WEATHER

FRIDAY -- Mostly sunny with a high near 87 degrees. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms with a low around 67.

SATURDAY -- A slight chance of thunderstorms after noon, high near 87 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight with a chance of thunderstorms, low near 70.

SUNDAY -- Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, high near 89 degrees. Cloudy with an overnight with a chance of showers, low of 70.

MONDAY -- A chance of showers with an afternoon high near 86 degrees. The chance of rain continues overnight with a low around 67 degrees.

TUESDAY -- Partly sunny with a high near 85 degrees. Mostly cloudy overnight with a low around 67.

Veverly Wakefield Public Affairs Staff

R&B singer Chrisette Michele amazed the crowd with a spectacular performance July 23 at Club Dix, for one of several concerts that will be sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR). Over 300 military personnel and civilians packed the ballroom for an eventful evening.

Gina Brillion, comedian and MC for the evening opened the show by entertaining the audience with some light comedy, allowing attendees to purchase food items and assorted beverages. Brillion, a native New Yorker from Queens, has been performing for 11 years and has visited Fort Dix twice before.

"Even though I have performed before for service members, it is still a little nerve wracking for me to perform before an audience that I respect so highly," said Brillion.

In addition to Brillion, Kyle Fincham, another Queens native New Yorker, volunteered his time to perform. Fincham said he gives honor to all that are serving to keep our country safe. Fincham has an Air Force cousin, who served one tour in Iraq and is training to return for another one-year tour.

"My cousin was here at Dix and I thought about him and that I would get to see him when I was asked to perform here, but he has already left to go home," explained Fincham.

Two up-and-coming R&B artists,

PJ Johnson and Jaii Stylez, brought two different styles of singing to the show. Johnson, a 23-year-old resident of Yonkers, attended New York Military Academy. Johnson's unique style of adding comedy and music together in his performance kept the crowd entertained and wanting more.

Johnson's cousin is an Army service member, who has served two tours in Iraq.

When asked if he ever thought about joining the Army, Johnson stated, "If this music career doesn't work for me then you will see me back here at Fort Dix doing pushups."

Stylez, a singer-songwriter and producer, is a performer with stylish dance moves and soulful vocals. Stylez explained his excitement about being asked to perform for service members, is because he has aunts and uncles who serve in the Army and are stationed at several bases, including Fort Bragg. "These are the people I have looked up to my whole life. It feels good to give something back," noted Stylez.

The highlight of the evening, and what every one in attendance wanted to see, was Chrisette Michele. Her performance was dynamic and electrifying, pleasing the large variation of generations in the audience. Michele's combination of R&B, Jazz, and Gospel kept the audience moving and enjoying each song she performed.

Prior to her performance, Michele signed autographs and took pictures with service members and got a chance to know her audience a little



Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Apprentice Danna Morris

RHYTHM AND BLUES -- Grammy nominated recording artist Chrisette Michele, performs at Club Dix July 23.

better. When asked if she had any family members serving the military, she stated that she did not, but two of her band members are Air Force Reservists and both have served tours in Iraq.

To close out the evening Col.

Four Soldiers heed call to service

Wayne Cook Public Affairs Staff

One of the many duties of the installation chaplain is to mentor and evaluate possible candidates for the Army Chaplain Corps. Currently, there are four candidates serving on Fort Dix with the desire to become full-fledged chaplains and serve Soldiers and God.

The first candidate is 2nd Lt. Vivian Yanquai-West. Born in Liberia, Africa, Yanquai-West's family moved to the United States when she was 12.

Now living in Corpus Christi, Texas, she went to college out of high school and while there, her interest in her faith grew. At that time she wasn't sure what to do with her life. An Army recruiter reached out to her and she decided to join.

In 2000, Yanquai-West enlisted in the Active component of the Army

and served in transportation for five years, then reclassified into human resources for another three years, attaining the rank of sergeant.

While serving in the Army she felt the calling of God on her life to become a pastor, so she conducted research about the chaplaincy and submitted her application.

Leaving the active component, Yanquai-West joined the Army Reserve and is attending seminary at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. With one year left in seminary, she is now in the Active Guard Reserve, assigned to a unit in Sinton, Texas.

"Initially I was planning on becoming a lawyer. My parents were the real influence there. I felt I needed to do more for God. I spent a lot of time crying and knowing I wasn't doing what God wanted me to do. With encouragement from others to follow the conviction of my heart, I made the decision to serve him and now I have peace," Yanquai-West said.



John R. Warrick

Thunder and lightning

Heavy storms struck the Fort Dix area July 23, causing power outages throughout the post and surrounding areas. The above photo shows a lightning bolt striking near the Fort Dix Burger King.

Reset causes closure

The McGuire/Dix commissary will close Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. while it undergoes a reset as part of the Defense Commissary Agency's ongoing effort to enhance the shopping experience and will be back in business Aug. 6 at 9 a.m. "We regret to inconvenience our customers with the closure, and ask that patrons plan accordingly, but this is something we'll all appreciate when it's done," said store director John Zoubra.

The reset is part of an agency-wide program that systematically changes how products are displayed on shelving throughout a commissary in order to better serve customer shopping patterns.

The goal is to give commissaries worldwide a more customer-friendly product flow and a layout that is as consistent as possible from location to location, according to Steve Arland, chief of DeCA's store reset and planogram team.

"Although we have to take into consideration that no two commissaries are constructed exactly alike, a customer-friendly product flow means dog food will be next to pet supplies instead of the charcoal, peanut butter is best found next to the jam, and you shouldn't have to cruise three different aisles to find all your cleaning products. It's a simple matter of making the commissary layout more sensible by 'resetting' the store," he said.

To make changes easier for customers to follow, stores have aisle layout maps available and generic item locators on their Web pages.

Store Web pages under the locations link at <http://www.commissaries.com> along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.



Wayne Cook

PARALLEL MISSIONS - These second lieutenants have at least two things in common - they are all Soldiers and they have all been called into the ministry to serve man and God. These chaplain candidates are, left to right, 2nd Lt. Mike Goodwin, 2nd Lt. Joel Wiggins, 2nd Lt. Andrew Williams and 2nd Lt. Vivian Yanquai-West.

2005, decided the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) was the way to go. Liberty University has a blossoming ROTC program and he completed the school in 2007.

Williams enjoys ministering to others and feels the chaplaincy is the right service for him. He truly enjoys helping Soldiers.

He has been granted an educational delay in his service to pursue the opportunity to join the Army Chaplain Corps.

"I really enjoy serving in the Army. I would like to go active duty in about three to four years, after I complete school and get some ministerial experience," said Williams.

The last of the quartet is 2nd Lt. Joel Wiggins from Greenville, S.C.

Wiggins grew up in Searsport, Maine, in a Christian home. His dad was an assistant pastor. Wiggins attended a small Christian high school, so his foundation was pretty solid from a young age.

His older brother was in the Navy ROTC and tried to get him to join, but Wiggins had no desire to join the Navy. Conversely, he did have a desire to serve in the military. He applied to attend West Point, the Citadel, and Norwich Military Academy in Vermont. He was accepted at Norwich, so he experienced his first taste of military life in northern New England.

"I enjoyed going but it was rough spiritually. A lot of people there have a tough time reconciling the military mission with a kind and reverent God," Wiggins said.

"I really grew to love the military while I was in school and felt the call of God to attend seminary and join the chaplaincy. I realized I could be in the military and serve God at both times," he said.

Wiggins has completed one year of seminary at Bob Jones University in Greenville as an Independent Baptist and has been approved to attend the Chaplains School.

"I'm planning on going active duty as soon as I can," said Wiggins.

The three come from different backgrounds, have different personalities and different dreams, but they all have the same desire - these four Soldiers want to do there utmost for God and for the Soldiers of the United States Army.

MILITARY MATTERS

Navy connects with satellite training

Lisa Evans
Public Affairs Staff

Naval personnel going to Armed Forces Network Baghdad received training from the Army the week of July 21.

Mass communication specialists from the Naval Media Center based in Washington trained at the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office in using the Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System (DVIDS), a dedicated satellite link owned by the Department of Defense.

Part of the job the Navy communications specialists will perform overseas will be to facilitate the American media's needs in Iraq by covering stories and events for them.

By using DVIDS, media outlets can receive news more efficiently and safely. DVIDS means news outlets no longer need to send reporters

into harm's way and can avoid the long and difficult process of sending a reporter to embed with troops.

News outlets can register on the website www.DVIDHub.net to download events, news releases, video, and still photographs that were transferred using this highly specialized and mobile system.

Members of the media can request coverage of special events or specific people through the website by registering and sending in their requests.

Military personnel will then cover the stories and transmit them by satellite, often as the stories happen.

DVIDS is mobile and can be used in a building, a secure area, or on the ground, making it one of the most important innovations of news gathering, at headquarters or on the battlefield.



Lisa Evans

VIDEO STARS - Mass Communications (MC) Seaman Apprentice Danna Morris and MC3 Mat Gleeson, put together a Digital Video and Imagery Distribution System in a timed trial during training July 21 at the Fort Dix Public Affairs Office.

Battalion honored for efforts in war

Jennifer Chupko
Public Affairs Staff

The Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) was awarded the Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA) for the unit's performance serving in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on

Terrorism, during the period of Sept. 11, 2001 to Jan. 1, 2004.

The ceremony took place outside of Wurman Hall, July 18.

The ASUA is given to recognize the Soldiers' outstanding performance as a unit during peacetime or during a difficult and challenging mission under extraordinary circumstances.

The 29 Soldiers of that unit were given the award for displaying superior devotion and performance of exceptionally difficult tasks as to set them apart from and above other units with similar missions.

The award, which is one of the Army's highest unit awards, consists of a streamer for the installation's colors, a certificate and a citation.



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WAY TO GO - The Mobilization Readiness Battalion (MRB) was awarded the Army Superior Unit Award (ASUA) for the unit's performance serving in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and the Global War on Terrorism, during the period of Sept. 11, 2001 to Jan. 1, 2004. Members of the MRB are Staff Sgt. Felix Acevedo, Staff Sgt. Anthony Askew, Master Sgt. Fred Butler, Sgt. Maj. Roger Chin, Master Sgt. Anthony Correia, Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas D'Allessandro, Maj. John Didonato, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Louis Foote, Staff Sgt. Richard Gaglio, Lt. Col. Stuart Gillard, Maj. Brian Gilpatrick, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Michael Giquitti, Sgt. 1st Class Warren Head, Jr., Staff Sgt. Glenn Johnston, Sgt. 1st Class Sandra Mariano, Lt. John McKee, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Merrill, Staff Sgt. Wagner Moreno, Maj. John Moyer, Lt. Col. Cynthia Palinski, Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Ruiz, Capt. Michael Stepnowski, Master Sgt. Kevin Thompson, Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Thorpe, III, Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner, 1st Sgt. Barbara Bookard, Master Sgt. George Wilson, Sgt. Maj. Anthony Young, Master Sgt. Michael Zeeman

Education is a blast



Wayne Cook

Members of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defense School Class 09-08 pose for their class picture July 22. Pictured in the photo are rear row, left to right, Spc. Spencer Dawson, 2nd Lt. Christopher Dean, Sgt. Steven Schroeder and Sgt. Camoron Haag. Front row, left to right, are Staff Sgt. Christopher Middlebrooks, Spc. Trieu Hoang, Staff Sgt. Johnny Faughn and Sgt. Brian Cox.

Enlisted opinions sought for web portal

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Service

WASHINGTON, July 21, 2008 - The Defense Department is looking for input from the enlisted medical community as it sets up a new Web por-

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tal that will enable medics and corpsmen to share lessons learned and suggest ways to improve patient care.

"The portal will provide a forum for the estimated 80,000 enlisted medical professionals to exchange insights as they share experience and expertise", Dr. Michael E. Kilpatrick,

director of strategic communications for the Military Health System, said today during an interview with the Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service.

The site will serve enlisted active-duty and reserve-component members of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard. Navy corpsmen serve the Marine Corps.

"This portal is going to be an effort led by the military medical enlisted population for the military medical enlisted population," Kilpatrick said.

"It is really going to be an opportunity for this community to talk among themselves [about] what really works and how we can continue to improve the care for the patients we are here to serve.

The emphasis will be on improving both patient care and the efficiency of the health care system," he said.

"We want not only to increase efficiency, we want to increase quality." Input from enlisted medical professionals is key to balancing these seemingly competing agendas, because they are the ones doing the hands-on work," he said.

Kilpatrick said he sees the new portal as a way for medics and corpsmen to suggest everything from how to get patients through the X-ray process faster to how to speed up the way pharmacy technicians fill prescriptions.

The site also could provide the venue for medics to suggest better ways of loading a

severely injured patient onto a helicopter, along with other lessons learned through operational, on-the-ground experience.

"Enlisted medical professionals also will be able to comment on the training they received, what proved valuable and where it needs to be beefed up," Kilpatrick said.

But first, the Defense Department wants to hear what enlisted medical professionals would like in the new site. "We want them to be the architects," Kilpatrick said.

"What are the features and design elements they want in there?"

A short online survey available starting July 24 at www.Health.mil will give servicemembers an opportunity to weigh in with their thoughts.

Health Affairs officials will compile input received as they start building the new portal in mid-August. The new site is expected to be online before Oct. 1, and it will be password-protected to serve the enlisted military medical community," Kilpatrick said.

Soldiers with waivers find success

Sgt. Susan Wilt
American Forces Press Service

FORT BRAGG, N.C., July 23, 2008 — When Army Staff Sgt. Clarence Masiwemai greets someone, it's with a large grin and firm handshake. Beneath his smile, his chest and arm are covered in badges and awards that showcase his Army accomplishments, including the Combat Infantryman Badge, Parachutist Badge and the esteemed Ranger tab.

At 23, Masiwemai is a decorated combat veteran who's led paratroopers in Iraq. In many ways, he seems like the prototype of a paratrooper on an Army recruiting poster.

But Masiwemai wasn't

always so picture-perfect.

Before he joined the Army, he had an anger problem; if someone looked at him funny, he was ready to fight. In fact, he had so many brushes with the law because of his brawling that he needed a waiver to be allowed to join.

"If [someone] tried to make a joke and it was in reference to our friends, family or where we came from, we'd respond back with fists," said Masiwemai, the land and ammunition non-commissioned officer for Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, in reference to how he and his friends were. "Now I'm the one making the jokes."

According to Army Recruiting

Command statistics, the past three years have seen a 65 percent increase in the number of recruits who needed conduct waivers to join the Army. Today, about one in eight new armed services recruits are let in on these waivers. Media outlets have reported on this with a tone of concern for the quality of today's soldiers.

But Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy, stresses that waivers don't mean the military relaxes its standards, and that each waiver decision is based on "solid judgment calls."

"Last year's [waivered enlistees] proved to perform; they retained as well as the non-waivered counterparts, and they wouldn't be retaining if they weren't performing," he told online journalists and bloggers in an

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- Bill Carr, deputy undersecretary of defense for military personnel policy

April 25 conference call. "They are doing as well as the non-waivered crowd. Therefore, we are making correct bets on the risks that we take for someone that has done something that was that much of an aberration against what we expect of our teenagers."

In fact, a study by the Army's Human Resource Center showed that soldiers who enter the Army on a conduct waiver are more likely to reenlist, are promoted quicker than their peers, and even win more

awards and badges.

Like Masiwemai, Sgt. John Adkerson, a squad leader from the 82nd Airborne Division's Company A, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, was allowed to join the Army on a conduct waiver.

"Really, I joined because I wanted to -- I needed to -- keep myself out of trouble," said Adkerson, an Alpharetta, Ga., native.

Adkerson has done more than that. He's in charge of seven soldiers, has led paratroopers in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, and received a Purple Heart after being wounded by shrapnel from a mortar.

"He leads from the front," Army 1st Lt. Travis Pride, Adkerson's former platoon leader, said. "He's a good role model."

Adkerson will give advice to his soldiers even if they don't need it, Pride explained.

When he was a private first class, Adkerson passed Ranger School, an intense combat leadership course, paving the way for a speedy promotion to sergeant in a little over two years. The average soldier takes 4.2 years, Masiwemai -- "Masi" for short -- also took two years to be promoted to sergeant; it took him five and a half to make staff sergeant.

Masiwemai, an island of Yap, Micronesia, native, said that as soon as he finished basic training, he started to notice a change in himself as well as a few of his comrades who also came in on conduct waivers.

"Right when they finished basic



Sgt. Susan Wilt, 82nd Airborne Division, 2nd Brigade Combat Team

HIGH ACHIEVER — Army Staff Sgt. Clarence Masiwemai, the land and ammunition noncommissioned officer for Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 73rd Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, receives a Certificate of Achievement from his former company commander in Iraq, Army Capt. Phillip Murell. Masiwemai served as a squad leader while in Iraq.

training was when they realized,

"Hey, this is helping me out. I'm changing. I'm becoming a better person than I once was," Masiwemai explained. He said he believes soldiers who required a waiver to enlist end up doing well because they strive to improve themselves.

"They try harder to stay in the military by having an outstanding performance, by learning their job and knowing that the military is a great place to change yourself," he

explained.

Adkerson said he believes that granting waivers to Army hopefuls with a questionable past helps get them off the streets and out of trouble.

"Waivers are the right thing to do," Adkerson said. "Instead of keeping people out of the Army, it's going to help the kids and make them a better person to society. ... People say you join a gang to get a family. The Army's a tighter family than you'd ever have."

Tough times encourage consumers to be smart

Capt. Nick Mitchell
Judge Advocate

With a sluggish economy and prices continuing to rise, it's more important now to be a smart consumer than in recent years.

A deal that sounds too good to be true usually is. "I'll send you \$50,000 -- all you have to do is send me \$500 first because (make up some cool, fake, legal sounding reason here)."

Extended warranties or service contracts are rarely worth what you pay for them. Check out some extended warranty rip off stories on the Internet.

Say no to credit insurance offers. Often offered with credit cards, car loans and mortgages, it is almost always better to purchase regular property, life, or disability insurance.

There is no universal three (3)-day cooling-off period for all purchases.

Think twice (maybe three times) before sharing personal information. Think identity theft.

Beware of payday and tax refund loans. Interest rates on these loans are usually excessive.

Not all plastic cards offer the same protections. Compare credit card costs and protections before you sign on the line.

Real estate agents represent the seller, not the buyer. The more money the seller gets

paid, the more money the real estate agent gets paid. The quicker the seller sells, the quicker the real estate agent gets paid.

Home improvements and motor vehicle repairs are the subject of frequent complaints. Second opinions are important when you are dealing with a repair service you do not know.

Think twice (maybe three times) before you rent-to-own. Interest rates on rent-to-own purchases can be very high. If you miss a payment, you could

end up with nothing. Consider other options such as buying second-hand at a thrift shop or through ads in your local newspaper.

Do not buy under stress. Stress increases your risk of being victimized. Be cautious of BUY HERE, PAY HERE car lots.

Read all the documents before you sign for a used car. Do not sign contracts that allow a dealership to change the finance rate after you leave the lot.

Work-at-Home ads usually do not pay off. Be wary of ads that promise huge annual salaries; they often require expensive up-front fees with no guarantee. You risk losing your money and wasting a lot of time and energy.

Think of all the money you will save by doing your own income tax returns!

If you have already paid a tax preparer, then you already have a good example to help you prepare next year's return(s).

Military couples to wed with Hollywood's help

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 22, 2008 — After matching servicemembers re-entering the civilian work force with military friendly employers, "Hire a Hero" is stepping outside its box and trying some matchmaking of a different kind.

The troop-support organization has teamed with Dreamworks Television and Mark Burnett Productions to help two deserving military couples have their dream weddings. The gesture is a thank you for their service and commitment to the country, according to the Hire a Hero Web site.

"Providing something like this is just great," said Rob Barr, a Hire a Hero representative. "It's showing support for the troops, and it's the kind of giving them hope that there are really people out there that care."

The next step to helping two couples live happily ever after begins at the Hire a Hero Web site.

Military couples who plan on marrying later this year can fill out the entry and share the challenges they've faced while trying to plan a wedding with at least one spouse serving their country.

Just the distance during a deployment, for example, can make things nearly impossible,

Barr said. Then the occasional tour extension crops up and completely undoes what the couple may have managed to get done.

"Little things like that," he said. "But they're also looking for military spouses that just said, 'OK. You know what? We're going to go to the courthouse, get married and have a wedding later.'"

Once the midnight July 28 entry deadline passes, it's all up to the Hollywood folks to choose the two lucky couples for the big "Wedding Day" program that will air on a major TV network this fall, Barr said, adding that he has no idea what's in store for the couples chosen.

"They're kind of keeping that top secret information," he said. "All I was told was that they're going to get ... to have their dream wedding."

Barr said he thinks Hire a Hero was approached to help find couples because of the group's involvement with helping former "Apprentice" winner Kelly Perdew find applicants to be his assistant.

"To my knowledge, I think they got our information from someone ... who said, 'Hey, use 'Hire a Hero' to look for this kind of person,'" he said.

Hire a Hero is a supporter of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and companies with servicemembers and their families serving at home and abroad.

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National Guard debuts helicopter

Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

FORT INDIANTOWN GAP, Pa., July 18, 2008 - Officials at the National Guard's Eastern Aviation Training Site here yesterday unveiled the new UH-72A Lakota light utility helicopter, for which they will become the military's sole trainers.

This central Pennsylvania post will be the only Army training site for the military's newest light utility helicopter, which entered service in 2006 for homeland security and other non-combat missions, said Army Spc. Matt Jones, a full-time National Guard employee at the site.

Ultimately, the Lakota will replace UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters to be transferred for operational missions, as well as the last of the Vietnam-vintage UH-1 Huey helicopters that remain in the military arsenal, Jones said.

The Lakota is the military version of the Eurocopter EC-145 commercial aircraft, designed to fly light general support operations such as civil search and rescue, personnel recovery, evacuation, counter-drug and limited civil command and control operations for the Department of Homeland Security. It carries up to 11 people.

Pilots who fly the twin-turbine aircraft reported it's a powerful aircraft that handles

well in all weather conditions, including storms that most aviators avoid.

The Lakota also burns significantly less fuel than the Black Hawk or other similar aircraft, Jones said.

But unlike the Black Hawk, the Lakota is not designed to operate in combat environments and is considered non-deployable, Jones said.

Army Gen. Richard A. Cody, Army vice chief of staff, accepted the Army's first Lakota helicopter during a December 2006 ceremony in Columbus, Miss. Cody said the Lakota "is not only serving as a catalyst for change across the Army, it is also accelerating the speed of Army aviation modernization and integration with other services and government agencies."

The Army National Guard is slated to receive most of the 322 Lakota aircraft to enter the inventory.

The Fort Indiantown Gap training site received its first Lakota aircraft last month and its second about two weeks ago.

Army Col. Timothy Hilty, who commands the site, said two more Lakotas are due by the year's end, with another four arriving by 2012. Instructors from the Army Aviation Center at Fort Rucker, Ala., and Fort Indiantown Gap are already leading the first training course. A high-tech simulator at the training site and a cockpit trainer with a wrap-around screen provide realistic training conditions, Jones said.



Pfc. Colin Heller

WHIRLY BIRD - The new UH-72A Lakota light utility helicopter sits on the tarmac at the National Guard's Eastern Aviation Training Site at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa. The facility will provide all aviator and aircrew training on the new aircraft.

Brigade Combat Team tackles training



Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris

GRAPPLING TO UNDERSTAND - It was a week of learning practical skills for Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's 50th Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), as they prepare for deployment in support of the Global War on Terrorism at McGregor Base Camp, N.M. Above members of Company, 2-13th Infantry Battalion, practice Arabic using the Tactical Iraqi Language Trainer July 15. At far right, Capt. Dave Melendez (top) and Capt. Mike Lis (bottom), both of the 50th IBCT practice the new combat techniques they learned on July 17. At right, Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard's Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 102nd RSTA (Reconnaissance, surveillance and Target Acquisition), navigate Humvees through the Driver Training Course, July 15.



Staff Sgt. Shawn Morris



Spc. Bill Addison

Group aids disabled vets in finding employment

Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, July 18, 2008 - The hunt for a fulfilling job can be frustrating, but disabled veterans have a new online tool available to help them tackle that task.

Job Opportunities for Disabled American Veterans is a nationally based online recruitment application geared specifically to assist disabled veterans find employment.

"Our goal here is simple, to connect disabled American veterans with employers who are proactive in hiring them," said Nicholas Corso, project director of disABLEDperson Inc., Job Opportunities for Disabled American Veterans' parent organization. "This is a free service to the DAV community."

Employers listing job openings on the site will pay a nominal fee to help maintain the site, he added.

The organization's site offers resume writing tips as well as pointers on how to give a good interview. Those wishing to search the job listings, however, must register with the site.

Disabled veterans also can take advantage of "recruitABILITY," an application DisABLEDperson Inc., offers to the wider disabled community.

"Many state and federal agencies, along with 1,200 employers nationally, have been, and are, using recruitABILITY as a recruitment tool to find skilled workers with disabilities," Corso said.

The organization also holds job fairs for disabled students who are finishing college and getting ready to transition into the workforce. For those interested in furthering their education, disABLEDperson Inc., holds two scholarship competitions annually.

DisABLEDperson Inc. is a

new supporter of America Supports You, a Defense Department program connecting citizens and companies with servicemembers and their families serving at home and abroad.

"We at disABLEDperson Inc., believe that our [affiliation] with America Supports You will give us great exposure to a targeted group of individuals, disabled American veterans, who may not have heard of our efforts," Corso said.

"It simply adds to our credibility as we move forward with our different initiatives," Corso continued.

The organization will participate in the National Combined Federal Campaign beginning in September, he added.

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Wayne Cook

NEW TO THE FLOCK - Sgt. Denise P. Powers recently joined the installation chapel team as a chaplain assistant. She has invested 30 years of service, active-duty and reserve, to the nation.



Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alan Owens

Let freedom ring

Tourists and on-lookers support Sgt. Lazaro Santiago, RTC-East, as he is administered the oath of re-enlistment by RTC-East Public Affairs Officer, Capt. Theresa Bunn, at the Liberty Bell Center in Philadelphia, July 21.

Chaplain assistant welcomed at chapel

Wayne Cook
Public Affairs Staff

The installation chapel staff recently welcomed a new member when Sgt. Denise Powers reported for duty last week.

Prior to reporting for duty at Fort Dix, Powers was living at home in southern California, just outside of Los Angeles in the town of Northridge, where she was a full-time mom. When she heard from Chap. (Col.) David Forden, installation staff chaplain, that the chapel at Dix could use some help in the chaplain assistant area, she quickly put in her application for a position.

Powers and Forden had been assigned to the 311th Corps Support Command in California where Powers had been Forden's chaplain assistant.

Powers was born in Trinidad, Tobago in the West Indies, and at the age of 12, she and her family immigrated to St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands. At 18, she moved to New York, and a year later decided she had to do something with her life and entered the Army through the Delayed Entry Program. Six months later she was attending Army basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

While serving on active duty, Powers first performed duties as a wire systems installer/operator (25L), but after a couple of years she reclassified as an administrative assis-

tant (42A). Her current military occupational specialty is in the Chaplain Corp as a chaplain assistant (56M).

"Being a chaplain assistant is not a job - it's a ministry. It's wonderful waking up everyday and going to work with wonderful people and being able to be there for other people. I'm a people person and I hope I can make a positive difference in others lives," she said.

She has dedicated 30 years of her life to serving the country and the Army, in the Active Duty component and in the National Guard and Army Reserve.

Powers left active duty in 1982 and joined the Virgin Islands National Guard. After two years in the National Guard she transferred to the Reserve in California. Part of her stint in the Reserve had been in the Inactive Ready Reserves.

Powers has served on many assignments including at Fort. Huachuca, Az., Camp Casey, Republic of South Korea, and Fort Bragg, N.C.

In February 2002, Powers was assigned to Fort Dix for a short tour of duty. Two weeks into the tour her husband, Derek K. Powers Sr., died.

In 2005 she transferred to the Drilling Individual Mobilization Augmentee program, and had been assigned to Headquarters, United States Army Pacific, Hawaii until her release to be assigned to Fort Dix.

Powers has two children - Derek K. Jr., 22, and Alysén, 16.

Pentagon mulls deployment

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press
Service

WASHINGTON, July 18, 2008 - Pentagon planners are studying ways to get more U.S. troops to Afghanistan quickly. "We're constantly reviewing troop needs, troop levels," President Bush said during a July 2 news conference. "We're halfway through 2008; as I said, we're going to increase troops by 2009."

U.S. and international leaders agree on the need for more troops in Afghanistan. A statement released at the end of the NATO Summit in Bucharest in April stressed the need for allies to provide troops needed in Afghanistan.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan has unmet requirements for more forces, including three combat battalions.

The NATO force also needs more helicopters and airlift assets, officials have said. ISAF, which includes such non-NATO allies as Australia, New Zealand, Jordan and 11 other nations, needs troops capable of engaging in full-spectrum combat operations, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said yesterday. In 2009, the United States would like to send 11,000 additional troops to Afghanistan, he said.

Currently, there are roughly 35,000 U.S. troops in the country - 23,550 assigned to ISAF and another 18,500 assigned to the Combined Joint Task Force 101, U.S. command in the

country. Whitman said the U.S. would like to increase the troop level in Afghanistan by two brigade combat teams and about 4,000 trainers in 2009.

But there can be no discussion of increasing troop levels in Afghanistan without considering troops levels in Iraq, a DoD official said.

"The two are tied," a Pentagon spokesman said on background today.

Since his confirmation as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen has said that United States does what it must in Iraq and does what it can in Afghanistan.

He has called Afghanistan an "economy of force" mission, with Iraq receiving priority for people, equipment and resources.

"Now," Mullen said, "the calculus is changing, as the signs of progress in Iraq are unmistakable." Levels of violence are down in Iraq and continue to reduce even as the last of the surge brigades leave the country. "I won't go so far as to say that progress in Iraq, from a military perspective, has reached a tipping point or it is irreversible," Mullen said during a news conference.

"It has not, and it is not. But security is unquestionably and remarkably better," he continued. "Indeed, if these trends continue, I expect to be able early in the fall to recommend to the secretary and to the president further troop reductions."

Defense leaders have said these reductions would open

the door for more troops in Afghanistan.

"I think that we are clearly working very hard to see if there are opportunities to send additional forces (to Afghanistan) sooner rather than later," Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates said during the July 16 news conference. No decisions have been made. No recommendations have been made."

Defense officials believe units currently on tap to deploy to Iraq could be shifted to Afghanistan if security gains in Iraq hold steady. However, the services cannot just shift a unit training to deploy for Iraq to Afghanistan, Whitman said, adding that it is not so easy to repurpose a force in the midst of training. "Forces deploying for combat train to accomplish specific tasks, which are different in Iraq and Afghanistan," he said.

"The enemy, terrain and missions are different," Whitman said. "Soldiers would have to familiarize themselves with different languages, cultures and ways of doing business. Units would deploy under different command arrangements and have different nationalities as allies. Units often work months in advance with the units they are replacing. This, too, would have to be modified," the Pentagon spokesman said on background. "And the enemy has a vote, too," the spokesman said.

If events in Iraq take a turn for the worse, any withdrawal will stop. "Any decision on troops will be condition-based," the spokesman said.

Fort Dix Outdoor Pool

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Date: July 8 - 31, 2008
Days: Tues. & Thurs.
Time: 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30pm

Date: August 5 - 28, 2008
Days: Tues. & Thurs.
Time: 1:30, 2:30 & 3:30pm

Cost: \$50 military (per child)
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For more information, contact Aquatics at 562-2808 or stop by Bldg. 5901 Doughboy Loop.

Announcements

Cinema Schedule

754-5139

McGuire Air Force Base

Friday, July 25 @ 7:30 p.m.

Get Smart - Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne Johnson, Alan Arkin, Terence Stamp, Ken Davitian - When the headquarters of U.S. spy agency Control is attacked and the identities of its agents compromised, the Chief (Alan Arkin) has no choice but to promote his ever-eager analyst Maxwell Smart (Steve Carell), who has always dreamt of working in the field alongside stalwart superstar Agent 23 (Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson). Smart is partnered instead with the only other agent whose identity has not been compromised: the lovely-but-lethal veteran Agent 99 (Anne Hathaway). As Smart and 99 get closer to unraveling KAOS' master plan—and each other—they discover that key KAOS operative Siegfried (Terence Stamp) and his sidekick Shartker (Kenneth Davitian) are scheming to cash in with their network of terror. Given little field experience and even less time, Smart—armed with nothing but a few spy-tech gadgets and his unbridled enthusiasm—must defeat KAOS if he is to save the day.

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - some rude humor, action violence and language

Run time: 111 minutes

Saturday Matinee, July 26 @ 3 p.m.

Kung Fu Panda - Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane, Seth Rogen - Po the panda (Jack Black) works in his family's noodle shop and dreams of becoming a kung-fu master. His dream becomes a reality when, unexpectedly, he must fulfill an ancient prophecy and study the skills with his idols, the Furious Five. Po needs all the wisdom, strength and ability he can muster to protect his people from an evil snow leopard.

MPAA Rating: PG - sequences of martial arts action

Runtime: 92 minutes

Saturday, July 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull - Harrison Ford, Kate Blanchett, Karen Allen, Ray Winstone, John Hurt, Jim Broadbent, Shia LaBeouf, Igor Jijikine - Indiana Jones (Harrison Ford) races the Soviets - led by agent Irina Spalko (Kate Blanchett) - to a lost city called Akakor in the Peruvian forest, in pursuit of a mystical crystal skull. Along for the adventure are old flame Marion Ravenwood (Karen Allen), long-time friend and competitor Mac (Ray Winstone) and new sidekick Mutt Williams (Shia LaBeouf).

MPAA Rating: PG-13 - adventure violence and scary images

Runtime: 122 minutes

Future Features...

*The Love Guru*Friday, August 1 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 88 minutes*The Incredible Hulk*Saturday, August 2 @ 7:30 p.m.
PG-13, 114 minutes

Chapel Services

562-2020

Sunday Services

Protestant.....9 to 10 a.m.
Catholic Mass.....10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
Gospel.....11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School.....10 to 11:15 a.m.
CCD.....9:15 to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950, Church Street
General Protestant Service.....6:30 p.m.

NCO Academy Protestant Field Service -

Bldg. 5417, Texas Avenue

8:30 a.m.

August 10, 17/September 7, 14

Camp Victory - Chaplain's tent

Hour of Power

Protestant.....8 to 9 a.m.
Catholic.....8 to 9 a.m.
Mormon.....8 to 9 a.m.
Jewish.....8 to 9 a.m.

Religious Services

Islamic Prayer room

open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday - Room 24

Christian Women of the Chapel - Bible Study - Tuesdays, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Summer Break. Will resume in September.

Christian Men of the Chapel - Prayer Breakfast - Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 to 11 a.m.

Jewish services available by request

For additional services or Religious Support please call 562-2020

Religious materials are available at the JRC, the Main Chapel, and Camp Victory

The Main Chapel staff is in need of piano and organ players during the Protestant and/or Catholic services on Sundays to fill in as needed. For information please call the chapel at 562-2020.

MWR presents

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Club Dix Hours of Operation

Java Café - Monday-Friday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Comp. Lab - Monday & Tuesday 7 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturday noon - 10 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Lunch Served Tuesday - Friday 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Saturday - Monday Closed

Bar Hours Wednesday 5 - 10 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday 6 - 10 p.m.

Sunday - Tuesday Closed

*Still not sure what to do with the children this summer? Fort Dix Child & Youth Services has Summer Fun Camp for children grades 1-8. Camp includes breakfast, lunch, weekly field trips and MUCH MORE! Call 562-4702 to register your child today.

***Ballroom Dancing** is coming to Griffith Field House. Every Thursday starting September 4 learn basic routines for the waltz, swing/jitterbug, foxtrot, and an introduction to Latin Dance. Partners not required. Call 562-4888 for details.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Bldg. 6045

562-2727/6667

John Mann Park Summer Hours begin Wednesday June 25

Wednesday thru Thursday 1 to 7 p.m.

Friday thru Sunday 1 to 8 p.m.

Mondays and Tuesdays Closed

For more information call 562-6667

***Dolphin Watching** - Cape May, N.J. July 26 - Hop aboard the largest and fastest marine mammal sightings vessel in New Jersey with guaranteed sightings on every trip. Make sure you bring extra spending cash to grab a bite and for the rest of the afternoon in historic Cape May. Get ready for a sunny day and don't forget your shades. Fees - Adults - \$50, Children under 12 - \$35. Trip leaves Outdoor Recreation at 7:15 a.m.

***Whitewater Rafting - Kennebec River, Maine - July 31 thru August 3** - Come on the adventure of a lifetime with Fort Dix and Picatinny Arsenal to Western Maine. Enjoy two days of rafting on Class III and IV rapids. Enjoy spectacular scenery along the way as we pass tall pines and be on the look out for a bald eagle's nest. Friday night we will feast on lobster and fried turkey. We will be staying at a group campsite one quarter mile from the Northern Outdoors Lodge. The lodge at Northern Outdoors is a dream with a hot tub, swimming pool, micro-brewery and more. Hang out around camp and a blazing fire while gazing at the abundant stars and forget about the cell phone because there's no reception where we are headed. Don't forget your spending money for the lodge and in town. **Mandatory pre-trip meeting July 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation.** Fee - Single adult - \$300, Couple - \$540. Trip leaves ODR at 7 a.m.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Bldg. 6039

562-5691

***Kids Introductory Drawing & Painting Course** Ages 6 & up - As it heats up outside, the young ones can "chill out" at Arts and Crafts while learning how to draw and paint! They will enjoy 6 weeks of creativity while exploring various drawing methods and media which include: scratchboard, pencil, cray-pas, chalk pastels, acrylic and watercolor paint. **July 5 to August 9 Saturdays 2:30-4:00 p.m.** (6-week course) \$40

***Adult Introductory Pottery Course** - Classes cover both hand building and wheel throwing techniques. Once you've completed the initial class, you can come in anytime during studio hours to use the pottery facility on your own. Pre-registration required. \$60 registration fee plus materials. **Wednesdays 6:30 to 9 p.m. July 9 to August 13** (6-week course)

***Summer Art Camp** - Kids will be able to do a variety of crafts using clay, paper, paint, and more! Sessions are held **Tuesday through Friday, 12:30 to 2 p.m.** for ages 6 to 12. Pre-registration required. \$50 registration fee (per session) includes all materials. Sign up for one session or all of them since projects will be unique to each session. Family and multiple session discounts available!

- Session I: July 22 to 25
- Session II: July 29 to August 1
- Session III: August 19 to 22

Christmas in July - July 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Get a head start on Christmas savings by joining us for this fun event! Take pictures with Santa and create discounted holiday cards with our all new Sony Picture Station. Take part in our annual family cookie plate painting event. This and other winter ceramic items will be 20 percent off! Please don't forget to bring your favorite home baked cookies and recipes for our holiday "taste and swap." See you there...

***Krafty Birthdays** - Arts and Crafts offers Krafty Birthday Parties. Parties include up to two hours of party room use, one craft project with instruction and all materials, with many exciting projects to choose from. When making party reservations, please make sure to stop by in order to select the craft and make payment.

***Contemporary Ceramics & Mosaic Studio** - the Contemporary Ceramics Studio offers a large selection of Bisque pieces to choose from to decorate and paint. All finished pieces are food, microwave, oven, freezer and dishwasher safe. We have lots of idea

books, traceable designs, tools, and an experienced staff to help you create a finished piece you will love. Mosaics are a great way to express yourself with colorful glass. From mirrors to wall plaques, we have many items to make as gifts or add pizzazz to your home decor. Just come in, pick out your piece, and we will help you with the rest. There is no time limit on completing your project, so you can relax and enjoy our friendly, creative atmosphere for as long as you like.

***Sony Picture Station** - Do it yourself instant, high quality prints are easy to create and affordable too. Sizes are available from wallets to 8" x 10". Personalize your prints with wording, borders, picture collages, scrapbook pages, cards, calendars, and more. Just slip in the card from your digital camera, or a photo CD, and you're ready to print. Scan some old photos and burn them onto a CD, or just copy onto a CD from your memory card. This machine does it all.

***Create-a-Critter** - Adorable Critters to stuff yourself. It's easy and fun. Choose from an assortment of Critters: Bears, puppies, unicorns, frogs, tigers and a whole lot more. You can even add an outfit. Create your own designs for t-shirts and canvas backpacks. Stop in today and have tons of fun stuffing your very own plush animal or you can take one home to stuff or give as a gift. Critter Birthday Parties are also available. Call Arts and Crafts Center for details.

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562-2808

Hydro Aerobics Mondays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. .
Wednesdays 9 to 10 a.m. & Sat. 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the indoor pool. The Outdoor Pool is open Sat. & Sun. Noon to 6 p.m.

Book a party any day at the Indoor Pool. Sign up for sign lessons, or maybe a safety class at the Indoor Pool. Both classes will fill fast so don't hesitate. Call 562-2808 for prices and availability.

RECREATION CENTER

Bldg. 5905 (Military Only)

Monday thru Friday.....4 to 10 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday.....12 to 10 p.m.

***Annual Family Funfest - Wednesday, August 20 at 9 a.m.** at the Fort Dix Youth Center.

***Wine and Jazz Festival - Thursday, August 21 -** Featuring renowned saxophonist Gerald Albright.

***Operation Rising Star - September 12 -** The Army version of American Idol. Win the ultimate recording music experience. Watch for details.

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562-2767

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Friday, July 25

AFTB Level I Training

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Red Cross

International spouse Group

11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Tuesday, July 29

Basic Money Management

and Budgeting

10 to 11 a.m. or

1 to 2:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Wednesday, July 30

Transition Assistance Workshop

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Timmermann Center, Room 104

Art Therapy

Ages 4 to 8, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ages 9 to 13, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Bldg. 5201, ACS

Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday from noon-6 p.m.

Weekly Schedule

Friday, July 25

Wii Workout

4 to 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 26

Field Trip to Hurricane Harbor

11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Youth Center

CLOSED

Monday, July 28

Open Rec.

CLOSED

Tuesday, July 29

Wood Burning/Craft

4 to 5 p.m.

Girls in Technology:

Computer Assembly

2 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30

Triple Play with Mr. Jacob

4:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Thursday, July 31

Jewelry Making

3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

NEW TEMPORARY MEAL HOURS FOR DEAC 5986

Due to the influx of troops in the 5900 area, and it being the only facility in that area open at this time, the food service officer has approved the following hours starting with breakfast, July 24. Breakfast will begin one-half hour earlier and dinner will be extended one-half hour. These hours will be in effect until further notice.

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Chaplains' Corner

Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman
Installation Chaplain

The winter of 1776 saw George Washington and his rebel forces in big trouble. They were the old-time version of the Bad News Bears at their worst. They had been ousted from New York. They had been chased across New Jersey. They had escaped across the Delaware River into Pennsylvania in the nick of time.

Tired, cold and worn out, the Soldiers of the Continental Army were waiting for their enlistments to run out so they could honorably go home.

Then, stubborn George Washington let his

tired, and often defeated. Soldiers know that there was more to this endeavor than running away. They were there to do a job and they were going to do it.

He gathered the remnant of his summer Soldiers, who were now winter tough warriors, and boldly led them back across the Delaware River to fight a battle at the small town of Trenton, which had a significant enemy Garrison.

Nothing went right in the crossing. The Soldiers faced a freezing gale wind as part of a terrible winter storm.

The plan was to attack at daybreak. At daybreak, they had just finished the crossing and had miles to go before they would be in position to attack.

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one on the other side believed that man or beast would set out into it.

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3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

3:2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,

3:3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,

3:4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,

3:5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain,

3:6 a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,

3:7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,

3:8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. -Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

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Military personnel in uniform	Stand at attention, face the flag and salute at first note.	Stand at attention, face the flag for <u>Retreat</u> , then salute at first note of <u>To the Colors</u> .
Military personnel not in uniform, civilians	Stand at attention, face the flag and place right hand over heart at first note.	Stand at attention, face the flag for <u>Retreat</u> , then place right hand over heart at first note of <u>To the Colors</u> .
Military personnel in formation or in a group	Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Present, Arms" at first note. Calls "Order, Arms" at conclusion.	Senior Soldier calls group to "Attention," then "Parade, Rest" at first note of <u>Retreat</u> . Calls group to "Attention" and "Present, Arms" at first note of <u>To the Colors</u> , then "Order, Arms" at conclusion.
Individual military personnel, civilians in a vehicle	Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.	Stop vehicle and exit. Follow steps above.
Group of military personnel in a vehicle	Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.	Stop vehicle. Individual in charge exits and follows steps above.

Other bugle calls heard on post are:

Tattoo.....9 p.m. (2100 hours)
Call to Quarters.....9:30 p.m. (2130 hours)
Taps.....10 p.m. (2200 hours)



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Gold Medal boxers score KO with Dix fight fans



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CROWD PLEASERS — An estimated 600 fight fans jammed Griffith Field House, far left, last Friday evening, July 18, to see pugilists representing the U.S. Marine Corps Boxing Club out of Camp Lejeune, N.C., take on their counterparts from the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club in Philadelphia. The Philly fighters took home the winner's trophy but not before slugging it out with some tough competition like Marine heavyweight Bryant Tune, in red and gold trunks second from left and far right, who decisively decimated Michael Chappell, in blue trunks. MWR's Community Recreation Division went all out, too, even providing a rounds counter, Anna Bearrobe, second from right, who took turns with Afton Howell in insuring spectators kept up with bout progressions.

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"Tell'em what I did to Philadelphia Jack O'Brien but don't tell'em what he done to me," popular Broadway refrain circa early 1900s

Members of the U.S. Marine Corps boxing team from Camp Lejeune could echo that sentiment, Friday. The larruping leathernecks from the hills of North Carolina took a lacing from premier pugilists representing the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club of Philadelphia. Sultans of swat from the City of Brotherly Love, in fact, prevailed in five of eight bouts to capture kudos in the first Gold Medal Boxing Cup competition ever sponsored by Fort Dix.

The fight night was the brainchild of Fort Dix Sports czar Floyd Winter, a nostalgic throwback to those days of yore when boxing ruled the roost in Army sports and Soldiers guzzled whiskey instead of diet cola. The event was sponsored by the ever-peripatetic Director of Family Morale, Welfare and Recreation, Sarah Johnson with vital statistics on the promotion flowing forth from the fertile mind of FMWR's Robert Vogt.

Fort Dix Commander, Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, attended, accompanied by post Command Sgt. Maj. Bonita Davis.

Escorting the champ

Col. Thaxton escorted guest of honor, former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier, to a ringside seat. Frazier seemed to enjoy the action and spent much time posing with fans who insisted upon having a picture of themselves standing beside the ring immortal.

Mistake thee not, Frazier was the main attraction. But the fighters weren't held, either.

Following Sgt. 1st Class Eric Turner's magnificent rendition of the national anthem, hipsters from Philadelphia and their country cousins out of Carolina got it on. And what some lacked in polish they more than made up for in guts and fighting spirit.

The night's first bout was between batters in the 101 pound class. Dequan Love from Charns City, Md., fighting for the Ali club, outsped Donte Cobbs from the Kingessing Recreation Center, to win a decision going away.

The second fight saw 152-pounders go it with Marine southpaw Mikel Roberts not throwing enough leather to dent the winner, Oscar Pegan, an Ali club member hailing from the Figueroa Boxing Club in New Jersey.

Pier six brawl

The third match was what my grandmother might have described as a humdinger. Fighting in the 152 pound class, Ronald Cruz brought home the first Marine victory. Cruz resembled that incomparable onion farmer from upstate New York, Carmen Basilio, following a stiff left jab with crushing hooks to the mid-section of De Carlos Perez, out of the Pleasantville

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SALUTING SMOKIN' JOE — It's not every day that a legend visits Fort Dix and so Installation Commander, Col. Ronald R. Thaxton, far left, rolls out the red carpet for former heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Frazier. The boxing immortal came down from Philadelphia to watch local fighters tangle with U.S. Marines, center, and got an eyeful of the July 11 edition of the Post newspaper, which featured a pictorial tribute to his ring career. Frazier made the night for hardcore ring fans, graciously posing for pictures with them in sessions whose cumulative effect must have been as gruelling as some bouts he fought in. But being Joe Frazier, the smile never left his face. Smokin' Joe is a class act, empowered by a legendary force majeure.

Recreation Center. But Perez countered right back with combinations that occasionally snapped his foe's head back. Their fight brought back not so tender memories of Basilio's epic clashes with Tony DeMarco (a fireplug version of Marciano) when Carmen scored back-to-back 12 round KOs of DeMarco to win and retain the welterweight title in 1955.

Ah, those days of wine and bloody noses.

Fighters from the Ali club bounced back to take the next two decisions; the Bethlehem Boxing Club's Ruben Gonzalez outpointing Kryone Davis from Wilmington, Del., over three rounds in the 128 pound class followed by Wilmington's Aaron Brooks pounding out a decisive nod over Marine Jason Cano at the 152 pound level.

Marines punch back

The crowd got stirred up again during the next fight as the Marines roared back with Jarvis Hartnet winning a very close split decision over the Combat Zone's Michael Torres, another New Jersey native.

In the night's sixth bout, heavyweights, finally, came to fore with bulky Marine Bryant Tune plowing through his more svelte foe, Michael Chappell out of Costello's Boxing in Philly. They moved well for big fellas and Tune, especially, seemed to hit with some authority.

In the evening's last contest and only one scheduled for four rounds instead of three, another star out of Charm City, Maryland, Emanuel Taylor, eked out a split decision over fighting Marine Samuel Martinez.

At fight's end, the head coach and director of the Muhammad Ali Boxing Club, Harold Fulton and Suetweden Muhammad, respectively, accepted the Gold Medal boxing cup for fiscal supremacy in the Fort Dix sphere of fistic influence.

Ronald Simms coached the Marine squad and Robert Michael directed the overall Marine program and the two watched over as their charges walked away with individual honors.

The fighters themselves swarmed around Frazier at every opportunity, savoring their meeting with a legend in



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SLUGFEST — DeCarlos Perez, left, slams a left hook to the head of Ronald Cruz as the two went toe-to-toe in a lively 152-pound contest that featured non-stop action. Perez's educated left hand couldn't hold off Cruz's swarming attack, though, as the Bethlehem, Pa., native has his hand raised in victory, on the right.

his own time, a fighter who made his bones when they were still in diapers.

Who can forget Smokin' Joe clubbing down German giant Hans Huber to win the Olympic heavyweight title in the 1964 games at Tokyo?

What about his two brawls with Oscar Bonavena, the first of which saw him hit the canvass twice before rallying to nab a decision from the gargantuan Argentinian?

Jerry Quarry was hot, new, white heavyweight in the late 1960s before Frazier's leaden left hooks punctured his balloon in several slugfests.

And George Chuvalo had never been knocked off his feet. Joe couldn't down him, either, but almost knocked his eye out of his socket to stop the fight in four.

Master boxers liking aging Eddie Machen and Jimmy Ellis fell before Frazier's fury, too, which was something to behold in his prime.

Joe would shuffle out of a low crouch, somewhat like Marciano, but was much quicker in launching attacks than the Brockton Blockbuster ever dreamed of being.

Frazier had the perfect style to get inside of Muhammad Ali, which he did, in three of the best, closest and hardest-fought fights in heavyweight history. Joe won the first, flooring Ali with a tremendous left



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EXPERTISE FROM THE CORNER — Rocky Marciano had Charlie Goldman. Ingemar Johansson had Whitey Bimstein. Muhammad Ali had Angelo Dundee. And Marine Jarvis Hartnet, sitting above, has old pro Ronald Simms to advise him on how to avoid getting his block knocked off. In this instance, coach/trainer Simms' advice paid off as Hartnet fought on to win a split decision over formidable Michael Torres in the 152-pound class.

punches closed Joe's eye and the fight was stopped. Ali had won.

In person, Frazier's friendliness belied his ferocity in the ring. He'll always be a champion.

High praise is in order for Winter and his sports cadre who revived a tradition and allowed fans to meet a legend.

They're champions, too.

